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## Little Gravel Geographic Area






19,849 NFS Acres    109 Non-NFS Acres    19,959 Total Acres

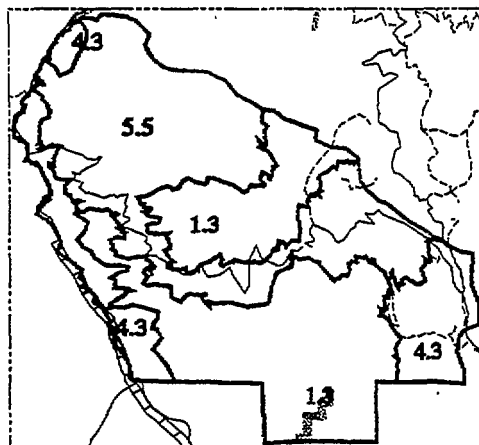
### Management Area Prescription Allocation

1.3 - Backcountry Recreation  
4.3 - Dispersed Recreation  
5.5 - Forest Products and Dispersed Recreation

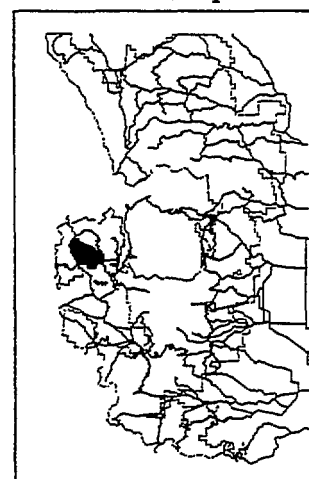
NFS Acres  
8,438  
3,395  
8,016

### Legend

-  Not NFS Lands
-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Utility Corridors (0.61 Mi.)
-  Electronic Sites



### Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000  
0 1  
Miles



## LITTLE GRAVEL GEOGRAPHIC AREA

### Setting

The area is located approximately ten miles north of the Town of Granby and consists of 19,776 acres, 109 acres of which are private lands. Elevations vary from 11,769 feet at the top of Gravel Mountain to 8,428 feet along Willow Creek. Most of the area is forested with aspen, lodgepole pine, subalpine fir, and Engelmann spruce. The major streams in the area are Hall, Kaufman, Gold Run, Trail, and Denver Creeks. Willow Creek runs along the area's western edge. There are no lakes.

The geographic area has been extensively logged over the past fifty years and is crisscrossed with a network of roads that is now a major component of the district's multiple-use trail system. The upper elevations provide good summer range for elk and Trail Creek contains Colorado River cutthroat trout.

### Goals and Desired Conditions

A full range of silvicultural and harvest practices is likely to occur within the area, or some portion of it, during the planning period. Harvesting is usually limited to suitable and available lands but may occur on tentatively suitable, not available, or on unsuitable lands to meet objectives.

Maintain and enhance motorized and nonmotorized recreational opportunities and mitigate conflicts between user groups.

Maintain and enhance summer range. Maintain the road closure on FDR 190 to protect deer and elk migration corridors. Control mechanized access and prevent motorized use on tundra to protect summer range. Close roads not identified on the travel management plan for motorized use to increase habitat effectiveness for elk.

Protect the native cutthroat population in Trail Creek.

Manage Gold Run and Gravel Mountain to provide opportunities for limited development where the summer visitor will have a feeling of solitude in natural or nearly natural-appearing landscapes.

Manage the area as part of the Grand Lake Trail system for heavy snowmobile use.

Manage FDRs 121 and 190 for moderate motorized use.

Pursue rights-of-way to provide access for dispersed recreational opportunities within the Gold Run and Trail Creek Estates areas.

Acquire lands in the Gold Run area to consolidate land patterns, provide dispersed recreational opportunities, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Fire management prescriptions for the geographic area are shown on the *wildland fire management strategy map* included with this document.

**Travel Management Strategy, Little Gravel Geographic Area**

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additions	Extent of Obliterations
1.3	4WD	N	N	N	N	L
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
4.3	4WD	Y	N	Y	L	N
	MTR	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
5.5	4WD	Y	N	Y	L	N
	MTR	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WMT	Y	N	Y	L	N
	WNM	Y	N	Y	L	N
	NMT	Y	N	Y	L	N

